

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE,</p> <p>Complainant,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>QWEST CORPORATION AND MCI WORLDCOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,</p> <p>Respondents.</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. FCU-02-5 (C-02-22)</p>
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ORDER APPROVING QWEST SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

(Issued November 14, 2002)

On October 8, 2002, the undersigned issued an order approving a settlement agreement in this proceeding between the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) and MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. Qwest Corporation (Qwest) did not join in the settlement agreement, although it did not contest it.

On November 13, 2002, the Consumer Advocate and Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a settlement agreement and joint motion for approval of the settlement agreement contained in the motion. This proposed settlement agreement covers the dispute between the Consumer Advocate and Qwest.

The settlement agreement is reasonable in light of the record, is in conformance with all applicable statutes and rules, is in the public interest, and should be approved. 199 IAC 7.2(11).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement filed by the Consumer Advocate and Qwest is granted, and the Settlement Agreement is approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Amy L. Christensen
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Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 14th day of November, 2002.